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People In The News



Tianda Dansby has long been interested in business and helping others.

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"I embrace and was raised around the entrepreneurial spirit," she said. "Like so many people I have known and worked with, I just grew tired of working for someone else. My message to others is to chase your dream, and don't be afraid to venture into the uncharted territory in your life."

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Terry Allen, Director of The Business Assistance Center, Inc. is spearheading a Capital and Procurement Luncheon as part of a Summer Networking Luncheon series. The series begins on July 15, 2005, at 12 noon with a Networking Luncheon at Brooklyn, located at 380 West 7th Dallas, Texas.



The Business Assistance Center, Inc. is one of the leading small business service providers in the city of Dallas with special focus on neighborhood revitalization. The Capital and Procurement Luncheon (CAP) merges the BAC banking partners, corporate diversity suppliers and the Micro Enterprise Training and Incubation (METI) together for an informal exchange over food to give underutilized small businesses tools to gain access to capital and contracts. METI is a small business startup, mentoring and incubation program funded by the DHHS Office of Community Services, Washington, D.C.

"I am excited about the new location and the sessions," said Mr. Allen. "We will give one hour to allow participants strategies for obtaining contracts and gaining procurement success strategies."

CAP Luncheons will include presentations from Regions Bank, Wells-Fargo, Comerica Bank, Chase/Bank One, DFW Airport, Wachovia, Verizon, Prosperity Bank, Guaranty Bank, and Target, Inc. and more.

For more information visit www.bac5.org or call 214-376-6530.



Angela Blair, of Rowlett, Texas has been named the winner of the 2nd Annual Kraft Gospel Talent Search, a nationwide competition showcasing the gospel music stars of tomorrow. Angela received \$25,000, an audition with Sony Urban Gospel Music and an opportunity to be on stage during the Essence Music Festival. The competition finale took place at the House of Blues in New Orleans as a prelude to the Essence Music Festival.

Angela was one of 10 finalists who competed before a judging panel of recording industry experts, including gospel music phenomenon, Kim Burrell, and representatives from Sony Urban Gospel Music and Essence magazine. The event was hosted by Myra J. of the Tom Joyner Morning Show. Angela's stirring rendition of "God is Able" sealed her victory. "Participating in the 2nd Annual Kraft Gospel Talent Search has allowed me to share my musical gift, my faith, my compassion, and my spirit with my community," said Angela. Burrell, joined the panel of judges to help Kraft Foods in its search for the next gospel superstar. "The level of showmanship and talent I've witnessed in this year's Kraft Gospel Talent Search has left me absolutely speechless," said The Stellar Award winner who's next album is due to hit stores this summer. "I'm proud to have been a part of the magic with Kraft Foods and wish each participant continued success."

Visit Angela at www.angelablair.com.

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NAACP chairman criticizes Bush in speech opening the group's convention

By: Kelly Brewington

Appearing unfazed by a pending IRS audit spurred by his stinging criticism of the Bush administration, NAACP Chairman Julian Bond continued to assault the president's policies in a speech Sunday night opening the civil rights organization's 96th annual convention.

Calling the Bush administration's approach to civil rights "deceptive," Bond suggested that the White House has "tried an aggressive campaign to seduce black clergy" to support the administration through its faith-based grant campaign.

"The president likes to talk the talk, but he doesn't walk the walk," Bond told a crowd of about 3,000 gathered at Milwaukee's Midway Airlines Center to hear his introduction to the annual convention.



Bond said the administration "at best has neglected civil rights issues, and at worst has been aggressively hostile to them" - buttressing that remark with mention of a recent U.S. Commission on Civil Rights report that was critical of the administration.

Bond landed the Baltimore-based National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in hot water with the Internal Revenue Service after a speech last summer, in which he attacked President Bush on the Iraq war and for being the first sitting president since Herbert Hoover not to address the

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Shame on Black Entertainers

By: James Clingman

The front page of the Cincinnati Herald, our Black-owned newspaper, leaped out at me, with a quarter-page photo of Kanye West, and inset photos of Fantasia and Partie LaBelle. The headline read, "Jazz Fest to offer variety of performances in 2005." The list of performers was a veritable who's who in R&B. In addition to the ones I mentioned, there was Faith Evans, Angie Stone, the GAP Band, and Frankie Beverly and Maze, the Whispers, KEM, Anthony Hamilton, and something called the 112 group. Cincinnati, once again, was on the road to a weekend of euphoria during which we could forget about our troubles and sing and dance the nights away, spending millions of dollars in the process, of course.

An inside look at what is now called the Macy's Music Festival, brought to us by Joe Santangelo and his band of merry Black men and women, will reveal an effort to get Black people to come back downtown, despite the three-year boycott, similar to the Miami boycott during the early 1990s. It is an effort to lull Black folks into a stadium that was commandeered by a White politician who now works for Mike

Brown, owner of the Cincinnati Bengals, and now "owner" and controller of the \$500 million stadium - complete with concession rights.

The stadium is a monument to the dysfunction of Cincinnati taxpayers who voted affirmatively to build it, but it is an even greater representation of Black dysfunction because of the meager economic benefits it provided during its construction and now during the 30 to 40-year life of the asset. Black folks, especially those in Cincinnati who would now go there for any occasion are short-sighted at best. But everyone has free will.

It's the same with the entertainers who are scheduled to appear at the stadium for the Macy's Music Festival (By the way, Santangelo put the word out on the radio for

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Texas Senate Approves Tax Measure

Associated Press

AUSTIN - Texans would shell out more for booze and cigarettes, but slightly less in school property taxes under a school finance proposal the Texas Senate approved early Monday.

The chamber struggled behind closed doors, delaying floor debate for about six hours before finally bringing the measure to the chamber for public debate. The proposal passed 20-8.

The bill still must be negotiated with members of the House in a conference committee before the session ends July 20.

Democrats in the 31-member chamber were opposed to increasing the sales tax rate by more than half of a percent, but Republicans opposed a voter referendum that

would allow a business tax that includes a calculation of a company's payroll. That provision was later stripped from the bill, under pressure from Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

Number crunchers struggled to find a tax mix that would raise enough money to give Texas homeowners a property tax cut and could still garner enough votes to adopt the measure.

One provision in the legislation would have allowed voters to approve a restructured

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First Hispanic Business Expo Coming to Collin County

The Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CCHCC) has announced its first annual Free Hispanic Business Expo called "Viva Collin County", which will be held on August 20-21, 2005, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Fairview Farms in Plano, Texas.

Over 50 vendors will offer a wide assortment of services to the Hispanic community. "Our goal for Viva Collin County! is to provide access to those companies that are committed to working with the Hispanic community," stated Rodney Cruz, Board Chair of the CCHCC. "Our membership is comprised of individuals, companies and organizations that are 'Hispanic friendly'. We want the community to have an opportunity to visit our membership, at one convenient location and with free admission",

Cruz said.

Several food vendors featuring a wide variety of Hispanic cuisine including Mexican, Salvadorian, Puerto Rican and Cuban will also be available for tasting. In addition, free health screenings for the community and entertainment will be provided.

"Viva Collin County" will be located at Fairview Farms, 3314 North Central Expressway, Plano, Texas (located directly behind Mario's Chiquita Restaurant) on August 20 - 21, 2005 from 10 a.m. - 6:00 pm. each day.

Historic Church Seeks Community Support

By: Paul Hailey

History is a vision of God's creation on the move.

It is with this thought in mind that the members of St. John Baptist Church in Carrollton are reaching out to the community to

board started harshly.

"Initially, they gave us 180 days and 180 days to implement that plan. After some community involvement and media coverage, they have become a little more agreeable."

The St. John Baptist Church has a rich history which dates all the way back to slavery.

During slavery, slaves attended churches with their masters, many times to care for their children. After the Civil War, the freed slaves were not permitted to attend worship services



help them save and preserve one of the areas oldest African American Churches.

The 1920's-era structure south of downtown Carrollton was declared substandard and unsafe for occupancy in April by the city's Construction Advisory and Appeals Board. The church was given until September 15th to present a plan including bids for structural work and plumbing. Church Pastor Michael Stromile comments that talks with the city

with the white people of the community and they were forced to establish their own places of worship. In 1890, a Reverend Myers of Carrollton donated the land to newly freed slaves for establishment of both Methodist (Simms Chapel AME), and Baptist (St. John) congregations.

In 1920, the church building was purchased from Fannie Mae Bush for \$250, which was paid off in installments of \$25 monthly.

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Study: Blacks Shoppers Are Profiled More Frequently

By: Marisa Torrieri

Special to the NNPA from the Chicago Defender

It doesn't matter if you're Oprah Winfrey shopping at Hermes, or an ordinary pedestrian browsing the shops lining Chicago's Magnificent Mile.

If you're a minority - and especially an African-American or Latino-and you're shopping, you're more likely to have been racially profiled, whether at upscale boutique or a fast-food joint, according to a new study.

Fifty-six percent of African-Americans, according to the study, have felt at some time that a security guard or store clerk was watching them more intently than White customers, according to the study. The study, a randomized national phone survey of 4,300 people ages 16 and older, was conducted earlier this year and presented at the Target Market News Black Consumer Research and Advertising Summit at the downtown Wyndham Hotel.

"Race consciousness is high on the screen of African-Americans," said McGhee Williams Osse, co-CEO of Chicago-based Burrell, an advertising and communications agency that co-authored the annual Yankelovich MONITOR Multicultural Marketing Study. Yankelovich, a national market research firm, conducted the interviews which were analyzed by Burrell.

"In the case of Oprah and the retailer she had a problem with, this is something we face everyday, regardless of class," said Williams Osse during a news conference before her presentation to 200 attendees, mostly Black marketing executives from Fortune 500 companies.

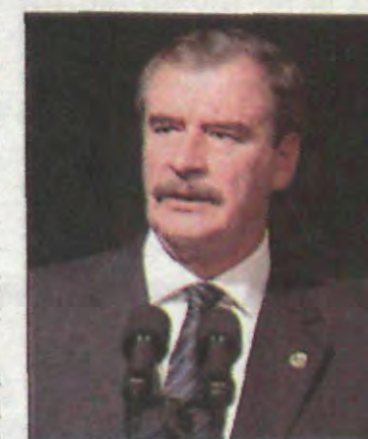
The goal of the report, said Williams Osse, is to help retailers more effectively sell to minorities, and especially African-American and Hispanic consumers. One key find-

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Mexican President Vicente Fox Rejects NAACP Invitation

Mexican President Vicente Fox declined an invitation to attend the 96th Annual NAACP Convention. Julian Bond, Chairman, NAACP National Board of Directors, had invited the Mexican President to address the annual NAACP Convention being held July 9-14 in the Midwest Airlines Center.

Bond said the Mexican Counsel General informed him this week that Fox would not be attending the convention. Bond first invited Fox to speak to NAACP delegates to explain his comments about



Mexican migrants doing work that 'not even blacks want to do.' A second invitation was

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The Real Estate Council Extends Deadline for "Dreamers, Doers and Unsung Heroes" Nominations

The Real Estate Council (TREC) has extended its deadline for nominations for the "Dreamers, Doers and Unsung Heroes" awards to be granted at the Annual Fall Gala, November 19, 2005. Nominations for the awards are due by July 20, 2005, and may be obtained through TREC's website (www.reconcil.com) or by contacting Ann Allison at The Real Estate Council, 214-692-3600, or ann@reconcil.com. Recipients of the awards are honored with a \$5,000 honorarium

payable to the charitable organization for which their work has been recognized.

A "Dreamer, Doer and Unsung Hero" is a special person who inspires others with his or her hopes, creates a call to action, achieves positive results, and works to better the community without seeking or receiving public recognition. The Real Estate Council will honor four people who have made significant contributions to the Dallas, Tarrant, Denton and Collin County area at its "Dreamers, Doers and Unsung Heroes" annual Fall Gala

at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas.

By publicly recognizing these individuals, TREC hopes to encourage others to emulate their good deeds. One person will be recognized in each of Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant Counties. This is the second time the honor has been extended outside Dallas County. For fourteen years, The Real Estate Council has had the privilege of honoring these special people. The event's presenting sponsors are Deloitte and Republic Title.



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DCCC Seeks Business and Public Input on Disparity Study

(Dallas) - The Dallas County Community College District has signed a contract with Mason Tillman Associates Ltd. to conduct a disparity study that will help DCCCD determine whether minority and women-owned businesses in the Dallas area have equal access to the system's construction, architectural and engineering contracts.

Two community meetings sponsored by Dallas County Community Colleges will inform area businesses about the disparity study: Tues., July 19, at 6 p.m. in room W171 at Mountain View College, located at 4849 W. Illinois Ave. in Dallas; and Wed., July 20, at 6 p.m. in room S115 at Richland College, 2800 Abrams Road, also in Dallas. Participants will hear an overview of the disparity study process.

Businesses can share information about their contracting experiences with the system, and DCCC construction managers will discuss upcoming contracting opportunities. Businesses who wish to attend are asked to RSVP by telephone at (972) 692-

8564 or by e-mail at businessmeeting@mtaltd.com.

"We encourage representatives from all area businesses to attend either or both of these meetings to learn more about access and contracts with Dallas County Comm-

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Around The Town

On going

The North Dallas Business Professionals Networking After Business Hours - Wednesdays at Django on the Parkway, Addison, 5100 Beltline Rd, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The Collin County Multicultural Business Network Referral Luncheon meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at Texas Land & Cattle, 3191 Preston Rd, Frisco Log on to www.ntheknow.com

The Collin County, Plano and Frisco Bar Associations with Legal Aid of N.W. Texas sponsor clinics providing free legal help to residents. The clinics are at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Salvation Army in Plano, 3528 E 14th St., and the second Thursday of each month at First United Methodist Church,

601 S. Greenville Ave, in Allen. Call 1-800-906-3045.

Corcoran Gallery of Art presents the Gordon Parks Half Past Autumn Exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art, through September 4th.

Cool Thursday Concert Series-Dallas Arboretum presents performances from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Martin Rutchik Concert Stage overlooking White Rock Lake. Call 214-515-6594 or visit www.dallasarboretum.org

Through July 30

Saturday Jazz-July 16, 23 and 30 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly. Esplanade Park, 5044 Addison Circle Drive.

Through August 30

Anne Lebovitz Exhibit presented by The Women's Museum, 3800 Parry Ave., Dallas. Features 37 large-scale portraits. Call 214-915-0860 or visit www.thewomensmuseum.org

July 14

Gary Cogill, Channel 8 Entertainment Reporter

will be at the Library & Civic Auditorium, 300 N. Allen Drive, Allen, 7 p.m. for Bach to Books.

July 14 - July 16

Friends of the Plano Public Library 22nd Annual Book Sale. Over 150,000 new and gently used books. Hardbacks \$1.50. Paperbacks \$.75 Audios, videos, CDs \$1.50. Collectors Corner featuring rare books, magazines, records, first editions. Free admission except First Nighter Sale, Thursday 6 pm-10 pm, \$10/family, \$5/individuals.

For more information call 972.208.8382.

July 14, 16 & 17

Plano Children's Theatre presents the musical Little Mermaid at 7:15 July 14 and 16 and at 2:15 p.m. July 16 and 17. 1301 Custer Rd, Plano. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. Call 972-422-2575.

July 15 - 23

Missoula Children's Theatre International Tour Project is auditioning and training kids 1st -

12th grades for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. No experience necessary. \$50 per child. Register by July 15 at Joe Farmer Rec. Center, 1201 E. Bethany, or Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium, 110 E. Rivercrest. Tryouts begin July 18. Call 214.509.4707 or visit www.allenparks.org.

July 16

Reebok Heroes 4th Annual Celebrity Baseball Game, 3:30 p.m. Dr. Pepper/Seven Up Ballpark 7300 Roughriders Tr., Frisco. Tickets: \$5, 10, 12 & 15 (at Ticketmaster or ballpark box office.) Proceeds benefit the children charities of the Mike Modano Foundation, Todd Wagner Foundation and Little Heroes Baseball Field Foundation. For more information: 214-352-1881.

Cosmopolitan Bistro in Garland presents 'Streets', the killer neo-soul group, at 8 p.m. 620 W. Main Street. For more information visit www.cosmo-bistro.com, or call

972.205.0808

July 18 - 29

The Allen Chamber of Commerce and The Allen Community Outreach are hosting "Fill The Bus Campaign." For two weeks a school bus will parked at a different location each day for you to drop off school supplies to help students in need. Visit: www.allenchamber.com for locations.

July 19

Author, publisher, lecturer and performance poet, Omar Tyree, reads from and autographs **Boss Lady**. Tyree completed his undergraduate studies at Howard University, with honors in print journalism. At Black Images Book Bazaar, 230 Wynnewood Village, Dallas 6:00 p.m. Call 214.943.0142.

July 21

Discover 19 ways to protect your assets, 12 problems that could cost your family a fortune, misconceptions about wills and trusts, potential problems with living trusts and

more. Free. Presented by Attorney John R. McNair. For more information call 214-691-7781. Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Pkwy. 7 p.m.

Black Women Lawyers Assn of Tarrant County is hosting its "Hotter Than July" Happy Hour benefiting the BWL Scholarship Fund. At the YWCA of Fort Worth, 512 W. 4th St., 5p.m.-7p.m. Tickets: \$10. Call 817.870.0182.

July 23 & 24

Merge 2005: The Black Expo. The largest exhibition of African American owned businesses in the state of Texas with Seminars, Live Performances and fun for the entire family. Automobile Building (Fair Park), 1111 First Ave. Dallas, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free. Call 214-827-7977.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC Bush Defends The Indefensible

By: James W. Breedlove

President Bush used Ft. Bragg, North Carolina and 750 uniformed soldiers and airmen as a patriotic prop to plead with the American people to support his administration's "stay the course" Iraq War policy.

With public support for the Iraq conflict headed for the bargain basement and his job approval plummeting even faster the President made a valiant effort to defend the indefensible.

Bush continued his previous portrayal of the two-year-old war in Iraq as the necessary extension of a larger war on terrorism. He acknowledged that staying the course would be difficult but insists that American resolve will eventually defeat the terrorists giving democracy a toehold in the Middle East and strengthening America's security.

The American public and our ambivalent allies have been growing weary over the lack of measurable progress in the war. Even members of the Presidents party in Congress have started to voice concerns over the increased insurgent attacks, the inability of the military to maintain security in the major provinces, the slow pace of training Iraqi forces, and the continuing divisiveness between the Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds.

The reality that the President seems willing to ignore is over 1,750 American soldiers have been killed along with tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians. America is bearing the burden of paying for the war to the tune of over \$200 billion spent and a billion a week to maintain a military presence. There is no foreseeable path to victory.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld predicted that it would take 12 years to bring the insurgency under control.

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) had this to say about staying the course, "The president's Iraq policy is adrift, disconnected from the reality on the ground and in need of major midcourse corrections. Staying the course, as the president advocates, is neither sustainable nor likely to lead to the success we all seek."

So what does it mean in real terms to stay the course? Just like Vietnam, the Iraq war is being run by civilians who have no first hand military experience and are too arrogant to objectively evaluate the advice of experienced battle tested military commanders who know how to fight a war.

The defense department has adopted the president's practice of surrounding himself with brain washed yes men. Top military leaders selected by Rumsfeld are keenly aware of what happened to realists like General Eric Shinseki and Army Secretary Tom White when they dared reveal the truth about huge Iraq occupation costs. When the president assures the public that he will be guided by the "sober judgment of our military leaders" he is tacitly saying he will be receiving advice he directed the leaders to give him.

The truth about the war is out. Too few troops, corruption and scandal abound, and despite billions of dollars spent in Iraq, there is very little to show for it.

It is equally apparent that even after three independent commissions debunked the rationale for war the administration is stubbornly and incompetently adhering to a destructive and pointless

nightmare. Our invasion of Iraq has made it a breeding ground for al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups and our military leaders have no idea how to curtail the insurgency notwithstanding the assurance from Vice President Cheney that "terrorism is in its last throes".

National Public Radio recently interviewed people on the street regarding Bush's statement that the sacrifices we are making in Iraq are worth it. These people were asked what they were personally sacrificing for the war effort. Most admitted they were not sacrificing anything.

For this war we are asked to go about our business as usual. Take vacations, go to the malls, and continue to consume outlandish amounts of oil. Then show your support and patriotism by waving flags on the 4th of July. There seems to be a vast disconnect between the romance of war and the reality of war. The reality of war is hardship, blood, young soldiers physically and mentally maimed for life, and the torn residuals of destroyed families.

Most Americans respect the President's steely resolve but based on the indisputable facts they question whether this war is simply another political theater, not for freedom and democracy, but for self-satisfying greed and egotism. It is clear the sanctimonious defense of the war is nothing more than a hypocritical attempt to stop the political bleeding not the real bleeding.

And who pays the price for this hypocrisy? The brave young men and women sacrificed for the unjustified, unnecessary and indefensible folly of misguided leaders.

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White Papers in Blackface

By: Clint C. Wilson II

During the Reconstruction Era, it was not uncommon for Whites to bankroll a newspaper targeted at the Black community with a Black "publisher" or editor fronting the operation. The objective was to entice Black readers into voting for the political party or candidate supported by those who controlled the paper's purse strings and editorial slant from behind the scenes.

Now - some 125 years later - comes word that the New York Times plans to launch a "Black" newspaper in Gainesville, Fla. complete with an African-American at the helm. The objective this time is to exploit the Black community's market potential for the enhancement of White corporate America.

We are told that this new venture is to be called the Gainesville Guardian. One wonders what can we expect this publication to "guard"

on behalf of its targeted group? If history teaches us anything it's that this 21st Century version of a White newspaper in blackface will have little in common with the mission and purpose of the Black Press.

From the moment of its inception in 1827 with the founding of Freedom's Journal in New York, the Black Press set forth a mission for itself that distinctly separates it from its general audience counterparts. Thus, if New York Times executives are under the impression that calling their product a "Black" newspaper will make it so, they are sorely mistaken.

Freedom's Journal proclaimed, "We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us." Here is the four-part definition of a Black newspaper as established by those who founded the concept 178 years: Black press newspapers are (1) public communications media that (2) are owned, operated and

largely staffed by African-Americans with (3) content directed to an African-American audience and (4) intended to advocate on behalf of equal rights and opportunities for all people.

Notice how this definition - and mission - differs from what we commonly see when considering general circulation newspapers and, therefore, can reasonably be expected of the Black-faced Guardian. First, the Guardian's ownership does not reside in the hands of Blacks. Second, profit motive is an admitted major objective of the Guardian.

These are extremely important issues that deserve further discussion. A long-standing axiom in American business affairs is, "he who pays the piper, calls the tune." Simply put, when Whites own a newspaper their employees (Black or otherwise) will ensure that

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and expanded business tax in exchange for additional property tax relief. That provision was removed, but barely. After a 14-14 vote, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst cast a rare tie-breaking vote. It was Dewhurst's first vote since being elected to lead the Senate almost three years ago.

"I would like to have seen a reform of our business tax system. But in reality, that's not possible today in light of the governor's comments and the House's position," Dewhurst said.

Instead, senators added a measure that would end the franchise tax as it now exists in two years and create a 15-member task force to explore modernizing Texas' system of taxing businesses.

Republican Sen. Steve Ogden, who crafted much of the legisla-

tion, said the proposal would stimulate economic activity in Texas.

"The cost of owning a piece of the American dream just went down," Ogden said, when asked what he would tell voters when the measure passes.

Critics say the tax bill unfairly taxes middle- and low-income Texans, while only wealthy homeowners would receive a net tax cut.

Property taxes would be cut from the current maximum \$1.50 per \$100 of property value, to \$1.30 in 2006 and \$1.25 in 2007. Future property tax cuts would be written into law, though no funding measure was included. That would leave future lawmakers to raise taxes or find other money to pay for property tax cuts.

The bill would pay for those immediate property tax reductions - without spending any

of the new money on schools - by increasing the sales tax from 6.25 percent to 6.75 percent. A provision to tax computer programming services was removed.

Low-income Texans would receive a sales tax rebate.

Loopholes in the state's main business tax would be closed to incorporate about 10,000 businesses that now avoid paying the state tax.

The cigarette tax would be increased by a dollar, and alcohol taxes would be increased by 20 percent.

The measure also would require that 15 percent of future state surpluses be spent on further property tax reductions.

An attempt to legalize video slot machines at horse and dog racing tracks in Texas was narrowly defeated in a 14-14 vote.

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Both Baptist and Methodist congregations shared the building until Simms Chapel AME moved to another building. When Pastor Stromile took over as head of the church in 1997, the doors of the church were closed. He inherited two active members and no money.

According to Phylis Stromile, wife of Pastor Stromile, the building has not had major renovations in over 50 years.

"The foundation is unstable, the walls are bowed and the plumbing and electric have not been upgraded since the last facelift in 1953," she said. "The repairs needed to bring the building up to code include installing a new foundation, removing the roof and installing new roof supports, wall repairs, and plumbing and electrical repairs."

The congregation remains intact but has been meeting at different sites since the city is prohibiting them from using the old church building.

Pastor Stromile acknowledges that God has answered the prayers of the now 40 member congregation.



"All of the support we have received has been God-sent. There is no way we could have done this naturally, God's hand has been guiding us through this."

The church has started to receive tangible community support. Dennis Riles of Bedrock Foundation Company has agreed to donate a foundation at no cost to the church. An anonymous Carr-ollton company has agreed to donate electric supplies.

On Sunday, July 17th, the church is inviting members of community to join them at the site (1508 South Broadway, Carrollton), for a Friendship and Fellowship Fundraiser. Activities include choirs, vendors, food, praise groups, step teams, prayer and fellowship, all designed to help raise money to renovate the building. Donations can be made directly to St. John Baptist Church, P.O. Box 111254, Carrollton, Texas, 75011 or by calling Pastor Stromile at 214-274-6376.

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Black folks to buy their festival "outfits" at Macy's. Yeah, right, big Joe.) Many of these same entertainers know about the boycott; they know the reasons for it and yet they choose to come to this city and participate in the economic empowerment of folks that continue to oppress Blacks in Cincinnati. (Let any of them get mistreated, and see who they call on for support. That's right, the same brothers and sisters who are fighting for justice here in Cincinnati.)

A condescending aspect of the festival that will be "another step toward healing our city," according to John Pace, the Black promoter working with Santangelo, is the give-back. Ticket prices are \$48, \$68, and \$88. Santangelo has promised to give \$2 of every ticket sold to a group of "well known" organizations. That's right; I said \$2! At the highest level of participation, that would mean a few thousand dollars to each of the five organizations he designated.

Isn't it reasonable to think that, at least for the Black organizations Santangelo chose, that Blacks could donate \$2 each to them? Does it make sense for a White man to collect \$2 from Black people and then dole it back out to Black organizations and other social programs? We

could do that ourselves simply by pooling our money and taking care of our own organizations. Nevertheless, thank you, Mr. Santangelo; you are a real saint. Hey, \$2 per ticket sold; thanks a bunch!

The most negative aspect of this scenario is not Joe Santangelo and his jaded philanthropic gesture. He is a businessman, in this to make money; no problem there, folks. So, please don't blame him; he can only do what we allow him to do. If no one goes to the festival, he loses money and will seek other venues, the way he did at the height of the Cincinnati boycott. The very sad and disturbing aspect of this situation involves the entertainers and the prospective patrons of the festival.

Again, folks can do whatever they want with their money, and they can sell their talents to whomever they choose. But for Black people to have such a low level of consciousness when it comes to standing together for one another, no matter where injustice exists, shows how far we have to go to obtain even a modicum of economic, political, social, and educational success on a collective level.

Yes, I am ashamed of the Black entertainers who know about the struggles of their brothers and sis-

ters in Cincinnati and yet are willing to sing and dance in a stadium that is the symbol of inequity and unfairness, even if they do hold their noses in the process. I am ashamed of brothers in the GAP Band, who hail from a place that survived and thrived because of Black unity and mutual support, a place once called Black Wall Street, the Greenwood district in Tulsa.

I am ashamed of the Whispers and KEM, who see what is taking place in Los Angeles everyday. I am ashamed of Frankie Beverly and Pattie LaBelle, who have been personally contacted about what is happening in Cincinnati. I am ashamed of Kanye West, Fantasia, and Faith Evans. Although they are relatively young, I am sure they read the papers sometime or watch TV sometime. I am ashamed of all those Black entertainers who would take the filthy lucre offered them to come to a city that has a reputation of doing everything it can to suppress Black economic empowerment and fairness for Black people in its criminal justice system.

But my being ashamed, and about \$2.50 in most states, might just buy you a gallon of gasoline. Let the party begin!

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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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Telvista to transfer Plano workers to Grapevine

Telvista will move 350 workers from its Plano call center to its Grapevine center this month as a cost-cutting effort.

The move is part of the Dallas-based call-center company's plans to shut its Plano office, which employs 650 people.

About 350 workers have been offered jobs at the Grapevine center, 1001 Nolen Drive, and more than 90 percent accepted the transfers, according to David Allen, Telvista's chief financial officer. They were offered retention packages that included prepaid gas cards for those who may

have longer commutes.

The remaining 300 or so Plano employees will be laid off by the end of the year, according to a notice filed with the Texas Workforce Commission.

Allen said the transfer is a cost-related decision as the Grapevine center is newer and cheaper to operate.

The 125,000-square-foot Plano center "is nice, but it is expensive to operate, and it's very large," Allen said. "It's rather difficult to manage that size of a facility in an efficient way."

The company, which is jointly owned by three Mexican companies, Telmex,

America Movil and Grupo Carso, handles bilingual call-center duties for midsize retail, telecommunications and travel companies. It also has call centers in Odessa and Danville, Va.

The Grapevine center employs 700 full-time and temporary workers. That won't change after the Plano center closes, as Telvista will replace the temporary workers with their permanent employees, Allen said.

The company has renewed a parking agreement with the Grapevine-Colleyville school district to lease spaces at Mustang-Panthers football stadium.

EDS wins \$73M Medicaid contract with Oregon

Electronic Data Systems Corp. has won a \$73 million contract to design a Medicaid management information system for Oregon, the company said Monday.

The seven-year contract has three, one-year options. Under the terms of the agreement, the Dallas-based technology company will design, implement and maintain a new system to replace Oregon's 30-year-old system.

EDS (NYSE: EDS) also will provide Medicaid pharmacy benefit management services, implement a program to help with accountability of program expenditures and payments and work with the Department of Human Services to ensure compliance with new privacy and security rules.

Oregon's Medicaid program provide health care benefits to

more than 600,000 people, and the state processes more than 26 million Medicaid claims each year.

EDS administers more than \$100 billion in Medicaid and Medicare benefits each year. The company manages Medicaid

programs in 19 states, processing more than 1 billion Medicaid claims annually.

This year, EDS has won multi-year Medicaid contracts with Wisconsin, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Web site: www.eds.com.

~Editor's Note~

MON-The Gazette would like to solicit its readers for stories and pictures of United States servicemen and women from the North Texas area that are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. This would include enlisted personnel

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community colleges," said Bob Brown, DCCC vice chancellor for business affairs. "We want input from the business community, especially minority and women-owned businesses, as we begin work on this study with Mason Tillman."

A disparity study determines whether public contracts have been awarded equitably to ready, willing and able minority and women-owned contractors. In 1989, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in City of

Richmond v. J.A. Croson Co. that affirmative action public contracting programs could be enacted if clear and specific patterns of discrimination exist. The court defined discrimination as a "statistically significant under-utilization of willing and able minority contractors." DCCC's disparity study will establish whether any significant under-utilization of willing and able minority contractors has occurred.

Based in Oakland, Calif., Mason Tillman Associates is a nationally recognized

authority on disparity studies and public policy research; the organization has conducted 76 disparity studies since 1990 for various states, counties, cities and special districts. Dr. Eleanor Ramsey, Mason Tillman's president, has extensive experience working with

members of the Dallas community; she will return to Dallas to assist DCCC with its efforts to ensure equity in contracting.

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In what might be called the grittier indie version of Universal's "8 Mile," given its rapper-from-the-'hood, makes-good storyline, "Hustle & Flow" presents the world of a pimp, his loyal hos and the unlikely church-going friends who help him realize his dream. Ripe for rehashed stereotypes and simplistic storytelling, the film successfully avoids those traps, resulting in an engaging narrative that manages to be both true and respectful to the characters and milieu it portrays.



Fans interested in tickets for the 2005 Coca-Cola Global Games may now purchase them online at the official tournament website www.globalgamesbasketball.com, by calling 214-467-8277, or in person at the Deja Blue Arena at Dr Pepper StarCenter-Frisco box office. Tickets will be available for sale at the box office throughout the tournament. The box office will open one hour prior to the tip-off of the first game daily. Ticket prices for this year's event are: \$5 for youth; \$5 for adults during the weekday afternoon sessions; \$10 for all bowl seats during evening and weekend sessions; \$15 for floor seats during evening and weekend sessions; \$25 for children event passes; and \$35 for adult event passes.

(Anthony Anderson). Key, who works as a sound recorder, invites Djay and Nola to sit in on a job at a church where Key is recording gospel singers. Moved by what he hears, Djay confides to Key that he always wanted to record a rap demo. Himself dissatisfied that his career in the "music business" never took off, Key agrees to help Djay, enlisting the assistance of a wispy and pale white tech whiz named Shelby (DJ Qualls). Determined to over-



Reported to have been financed out-of-pocket by producers John Singleton and Stephanie Allain, "Hustle & Flow" is the most successful film to come out of Sundance to date, having been picked up by Paramount and MTV Films for a cool \$9 million. Under the MTV banner, the film will most likely be promoted to the young, hip-hop loving audience that already stands as the feature's core demographic. And while the boisterous soundtrack so pivotal to the movie's plot may be a turnoff to those uninterested in rap music, at the heart of "Hustle & Flow" is a timeless and well-made story of personal redemption, enhanced by Howard's breakthrough performance and winning turns from every single supporting cast member.

Among those who have competed in the tournament are: 2005 NBA draft picks Deron Williams, Ike Diogu, Antoine Wright, Jarrett Jack, CJ Miles, Roko Ukc (Croatia), Mile Ilic (Serbia), Bracey Wright, Ricky Sanchez and Lawrence Roberts. Other recent Global Games alumni include Chris Bosh of the Toronto Raptors, Seattle SuperSonics teammates Luke Ruidnor, Nick Collison and Vladimir Radmanovic, Luke Jackson of the Cleveland Cavaliers, Carlos Boozer of the Utah Jazz, Jameer Nelson of the Orlando Magic, the Chicago Bulls Chris Duhon, and Houston Rockets All-Star Yao Ming.

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LaDonna Andre Gaines was born in Boston, MA. on December 31st, 1948. Growing up as the third born of five other sisters and one brother, she showed an early interest in music and started singing in her church choir when she only eight years old. In her teens, Donna joined a rock group called 'Crow', as the only black and the only female in the group.

At the age of 18, Donna moved to New York, where an audition to replace Melba Moore in the Broadway hit 'Hair' led to a prime spot in the show's road company. She landed the part of "Sheila" in the German production of this classic musical theater work. After a year, she switched to the Viennese cast of the show. That led to her joining the Vienna Folk Opera, appearing in productions of 'Showboat' and 'Porgy And Bess'.

While on vacation in Switzerland, Donna met Austrian actor Helmut Sommer. They toured in a production of 'Godspell' and eventually married. Their daughter, Mimi was born soon after and the three of them settled in with Helmut's parents in Vienna. Helmut worked long hours and Donna was alone most of the time, leaving a void in her life which could only be filled by music. After less than two years, Donna and Helmut separated. Mimi was sent to live with Donna's parents in Boston, while she stayed on in Germany and continued her budding musical theater career, performing in productions of 'Godspell' and 'The Me Nobody Knows'.

By 1974, Donna was working

as a part time model and backing vocalist, and it was during a demo session for Three Dog Night that she met Pete Bellotte and his associate, Giorgio Moroder. They were impressed with her powerful voice and signed her to their tiny

'Oasis' label. Her first single was called "The Hostage", but there was a spelling mistake on the label and Donna Sommer became Donna Summer. "Hostage" went to number one in France, but

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lived a short chart life in Germany. A Berlin politician was kidnapped and held for ransom. Since the subject hit too close to home, "The Hostage" was soon taken off German radio playlists.

Donna recorded more singles and an album for Oasis called "Lady Of The Night". They sold well in Holland, Sweden, Belgium and Germany, where Folk Rock was all the rage. The one thing that she lacked was professional promotion of her records. Donna and company pretty much had to plug the songs themselves, stopping at radio stations and doing a quick promo. All of that would be changed by a song called "Love To Love You, Baby".

Donna had heard the song, but was unsure of the lyrics. With the tape rolling, she made up a sexy voice, just as a joke, and filled in the words as best she could. Moroder and Bellotte liked what they heard and after a little polishing, they released the

song in Europe in late 1974. When the track began stirring up club reaction in France, American record executive Neil Bogart took notice and licensed it to his fledgling Casablanca label. When edited down to the length of a seven-inch single from its original 16-plus minutes, "Love To Love You Baby" became a European smash.

When Donna returned to America, she was already a star. Capitalizing on her good looks, a publicity photo of Donna in a sexy pose was sent to all the Discos in New York city, along with a copy of "Love To Love You Baby". The song soon rose to number two on the Billboard Hot 100. An album of the same name was released in late 1975 and it too went gold.

Donna was never comfortable with her "Sex Goddess" image, but her producers convinced her that it was all part of the hype. The success of "Love To Love You Baby" triggered a series of Donna Summer albums that would brilliantly blend the primal groove of disco and funk

with symphonic strings and soaring, dramatic vocals. Hardcore club DJs took delight in expansive epics like "Spring Affair", "Try Me (I Know We Can Make It)" and "Could It Be Magic", while pop radio programmers indulged in less lengthy but equally compelling songs like "I Love You", "MacArthur Park", "Hot Stuff" and "Last Dance". Summer recorded eight albums in four years, all of which went gold. The last four went platinum. She also won an Oscar and a Grammy for "Last Dance" as the theme to the movie "Thank God It's Friday".

In 2004, Mercury Records released The Journey: The Very Best Of Donna Summer.

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group.

Bush declined an invitation to this year's convention as well - a point Bond underscored early in his speech.

The IRS has said its investigation is limited to whether Bond stepped over the line into partisan politics in his critique of Bush, which could cost the NAACP its tax-exempt status. But the NAACP is continuing to fight the federal investigation, and Bond - unapologetic for his remarks - has denounced the audit as partisan bullying.

Bond also gave a much-anticipated introduction of NAACP President-elect Bruce S. Gordon, a retired Verizon executive who has made repairing relations with the Bush administration one of his top goals.

Bond, known for his fiery addresses, didn't level criticism at Bush alone.

Bond named and condemned eight U.S. senators who he said dodged an apology for the federal government's failure to pass anti-lynching laws as the Senate - on a voice vote rather than a roll call - passed a nonbinding resolution of apology last month.

Bond also criticized Democrats for not blocking Bush's judicial nominees. He called confirmed U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Janice Rogers Brown the "female Clarence Thomas."

Bond accused black conservatives and blamed foundations that finance conservative groups for rolling back gains for which civil rights leaders have fought.

"Having stolen our vocabulary, they also want to steal the just spoils of our righteous war," he said. "They've had a collection of black hustlers and hucksters on their payrolls for more than 20 years, promoting them as a new generation of black leaders."

Reiterating comments from his keynote convention address two years ago about Bush and his black supporters, Bond said, "Like ventriloquists' dummies, they speak in the puppet master's voice, but we can see his lips moving, and we can hear his money talk."

Bond also called for a replacement for retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor who will hold civil rights as a priority.

The seat being vacated by O'Connor is emerging as a big issue at this week's convention. Among others to be addressed by the more than 8,000 attendees are voting rights, health, juvenile justice and education.

Bond's address wasn't the only one to focus on politics. Most notably, Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., a Wisconsin Republican, received raucous applause when he promised to lead federal lawmakers in extending provisions of the voting rights act that are to expire in 2007.

Bond ended his speech by encouraging people of all backgrounds to fight for today's civil rights issues, including economic justice.

"Anyone who shares our mission and values is welcome," he said. "Our values are American values. We believe in tolerance, inclusion, equality, celebrating the worth of every

human being."

Portia Johnson, vice president of the NAACP branch in Duluth, Minn., said Bond's speech is always the highlight of the convention.

"I think it's great; it's energizing," she said. "It encourages us to go home and do the work that needs to be done. He tells it like it is and how it should be told."

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Rev. Isaac Johnson, Coordinator

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Sunday, July 17, 4:00 pm

You are welcomed for the conclusion of Pastor Tarpley's 2nd Appreciation Service. Our guest churches will be: Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church with Pastor Darin Floyd, Sr. and his congregation; Word of Faith Cathedral Center with Pastors Bennie & Tammy Myers and their congregation; and Faith Evangelistic Temple with Pastors James & Rachel Killingsworth and their congregation.

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Church News



Sister Tarpley

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5 (KJV)

As you are going about your everyday life, and you are facing a problem, the very first thing you should do is ask God for His wisdom. Not money; not power; not even healing. But ask for His wisdom.

God's wisdom is the key that will unlock every door in your life. It will turn your failure into success. Stop wasting your prayers begging God for things you think you need; instead, spend some time in listening to what He has to say about your situation.

If you haven't tried listening to God before, practically speaking, here's what you need to do.

FIRST: Lay out the entire problem before God, not because He doesn't know what you're going through, but because laying it out helps you. It helps you see things from a more objective point of view.

Somehow when you lay out your problem to God, it will look different to you. You will get a new perspective. As you are explaining your problem point by point, you will think of things that you hadn't considered yet.

SECOND: Listen for the Spirit of God to advise you. Pay attention to what He says through the written Word. Most likely, the care of your problem has choked the Word of God out of your heart (Mark 4:18-19.) If so, you need to

Take Time To Listen

get the Bible and begin to put that Word back in your mind, your spirit and your soul. Then the Holy Spirit will begin to speak to you through the Word.

As you are listening, be sure to remain teachable. Be ready to accept rebuke if necessary. Be very



Picture of The Week
Dr. Joseph & First Lady Maudine Sheppard at their Pastor & Wife's 44th Anniversary. Dr. Sheppard is pastor of Ben Washington Baptist Church in Irving, TX.

honest with God. Look for ways in which you've been wrong and confess them to Him. It's all right. Those sins won't come as any surprise to Him. He already knows about them. Confession just gives you the opportunity to get ride of them.

THIRD: Act on the wisdom that God gives you. Let go of your own methods and put His methods into operation. Be obedient. If you don't, that wonderful wisdom won't do you any good at all.

As you pray, set aside your own ideas and start seeking the wisdom of God. It's the only thing that can

permanently solve the problems that you have been facing or will face in the future. It's truly the most precious gift that God has to give. **Seek His wisdom!**

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. . . (Isaiah 55:8-11.)"

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logue," said Bond.

Gerónimo Gutiérrez Fernández, Mexico's Undersecretary for North America, said in a letter to Bond: "Due to previously arranged events on the presidential agenda, I regret to inform you that the President will not be able to pay a working visit to [Milwaukee] in upcoming days. I appreciate your com-

mitment to promote a better understanding between Mexico and the United States, and I want to make clear to you and to the NAACP members, the great respect and recognition in which the Mexican government holds the Afro-American community in the United States and this distinguished organization."

Church Happenings

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

July 31, 4:00 pm

We invite you to our Family and Friends Celebration honoring Community Christian Church in Midlothian, TX. Pastor Lisa Tarpley will have the Inaugural Service for Community Christian Church at the Midlothian Civic Center, 224 South 11th Street (off of U.S. Highway 287), Midlothian, TX 76065, **August 6, 10:00 to 3:00 pm**

We will have our Back-2-School Rally in Ft. Worth, TX. There will be FREE Food, a Bounce House, Health Fair, Music and more. Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church will be the host church and it will be held @ 5552 E. Rosedale Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76112.

For more details and to donate supplies, please contact Bridget @ 817-451-8458 or Cheylon @ 940-206-4843. **August 13, 2005**

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Community Outreach Ministry
Pastor Lisa Tarpley, Overseer
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For more information, contact Evangelist Crawford @ 214-372-3624.

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Church Grant Writing and IRS Compliance Seminar

P 5 Media Group is conducting a Grant Writers and IRS Church Compliance seminar on August 6, 2005, at 9:00 p.m. This seminar will be held at Redeeming Love Christian Church, 605 E. Berry Street,

Ft. Worth, Texas.

Topics covered in the seminar will include: Assumed Names, 501C 3 Tax Exemption, Articles of Inc., Private Funding, Private Foundation, How to write Grants, Tax Write offs, Church/

State, IRS Compliance, Form 1099, and Donation. Pre-registration tickets are \$35.00, \$45.00 at the door. Please call 817-926-1480 or 817-926-1124 for more information.

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editorial content follows expectations of a profit-centered enterprise. General interest newspapers are committed to their stockholders, not their readers. What, then, can we expect when the best interests of the African-American community clashes with the best interests of the "bottom line?"

This does not mean, however, that Black newspapers aren't concerned with making a profit, but it does mean that such motivation is always secondary to the mission. Remember, Black papers are an "advocate" for their constituents. Incidentally, the real Black press need not worry about offending big national advertisers; they don't have many, anyway. Also, their most important capital asset lies in their credibility with Black communities.

But there's another, even more fundamental, reason why this insidious scheme to perpetrate newspaper fraud on African-Americans is destined to fail. It is something that all social scientists know: communication is a cultural phenomenon. In much the same manner that a Japanese-born and reared person can become fluent in the Russian language, but can never become Russian, neither can a White publisher's expertise result in cultural legitimacy

among Black constituents. The notion obviates the premise of Freedom's Journal wherein the Black press seeks to "plead [their] own cause."

Why, one might ask, do White publishers want to publish "Black" newspapers? The answer is strictly economic and lies in the fact that Whites are becoming a racial minority group as the United States population becomes increasingly of Hispanic, Black and Asian ethnicities. Census data confirms that in many major cities, the aggregate population of people of color already outnumbers Whites. Moreover, the various colored groups are younger, have higher birth rates and are entering their peak income earning years. In the face of a declining White consumer market - and comparable declines in their readership base - the New York Times and other newspaper groups have finally turned to people of color for their economic salvation. The problem - if what we've seen from their media cohorts is any indication - is that their intent is not likely to serve but to exploit. In short, they want to use their style of communication ("junk" news about celebrities, sex, crime, entertainment and inn-ocuous clap-trap) as bait to deliver our vast spending power (projected to grow annually from \$318 billion in 1990 to \$921 billion in 2008) to corporate advertisers.

We've seen this pattern in recent decades with the advent of White-owned but Black-formatted radio stations; the takeover of formerly Black-owned grooming and cosmetics firms; and the control of rap and Hip Hop music genres by White mega-corporations. In each instance, the modus operandi has been to effect White control over Black cultural entities - the kind of tactic that results in loss of our Black identity. If schemes like the Guardian were to succeed, the demise of the Black-owned press would be the ultimate final straw.

For perspective, consider the following: when Columbus came to these shores, he mistakenly believed he had reached the Indies. The proud and noble inhabitants he found here had strong self-identities and they knew who they were - Mohawks, Seminoles, and Iroquois, etc. But Columbus, and the White settlers who followed him, decided these people would be called "Indians." Nowadays even those proud peoples collectively call themselves "Indians."

We do not expect to see the day when employees of the Gainesville Guardian will be called part of the Black Press by anyone other than themselves.

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